

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KINGST 07409 091821Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-07
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-06 /061 W
-----125607 100704Z /13

R 091732Z DEC 77
FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8671
INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN
AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN
AMEMBASSY NASSAU
AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN
USINT HAVANA

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 7409

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, PFOR, JM, CU
SUBJECT: CUBAN HELP FOR HOME GUARD

REF: KINGSTON 7370

1. ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE FROM THE AGENCY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION (API) ROY MCGANN, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOME GUARD AND THE JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE (JDF), IS PRESENTLY IN CUBA. HE LEFT JAMAICA ON DECEMBER 4 ON A TEN-DAY VISIT. THE API RELEASE STATES THAT THE VISIT CENTERS ON THE CUBAN MICRO-DAM PROGRAM WHICH "THE ARMY WILL BE UNDERTAKING WITH GREATER EMPHASIS..." THE RELEASE ALSO STATED THAT THE JDF HAS RECRUITED A NUMBER OF ELECTRICIANS, PLUMBERS, MASONS, DRIVERS AND EQUIPMENT OPERATORS WHO ARE NOW UNDERGOING BASIC MILITARY TRAINING AND ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN WORK ON MICRO-DAMS IN APRIL.

2. COMMENT: MCGANN HAS BEEN A CHIEF PROPONENT OF AN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KINGST 07409 091821Z

ACTIVE AND AUGMENTED HOME GUARD. HIS VISIT TO CUBA WILL BE VIEWED WITH MISGIVING BY THOSE JAMAICANS WHO FEAR THAT THE HOME GUARD WILL BE PUT TO POLITICAL USES. THESE FEARS HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED A BOOST FROM NATIONAL SECURITY MINISTER KEBLE MUNN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF A REQUEST FOR CUBAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE HOME GUARD (SEE REFTEL). THE REFERENCE IN THE API RELEASE TO THE

RECRUITMENT OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WILL ALSO CAUSE
CONCERN. MANY HERE WILL CONCLUDE THAT THE CONSTRUCTION
RECRUITS ARE BEING DRAWN FROM THE JAMAICA CONSTRUCTION
BRIGADES TRAINED IN CUBA.
IRVING

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 09-Dec-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977KINGST07409
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770460-0177
Format: TEL
From: KINGSTON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771274/aaaackmz.tel
Line Count: 67
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: cb9f2308-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 KINGSTON 7370
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 296995
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CUBAN HELP FOR HOME GUARD
TAGS: PINS, PINT, PFOR, JM, CU
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/cb9f2308-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009